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SUBJECT: Duluth Awarded Over \$500,000 for Western Waterfront Trail Restoration

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[Duluth, MN] – Some of the planned improvements for the St. Louis River Corridor are going to move forward thanks to recent good news. Last night at the City of Duluth Parks Commission Annual meeting, the City announced it had received approval for \$550,000 in grants to improve and restore the Western Waterfront Trail corridor.

A Lake Superior Coastal Program grant will help regrade and renew the entire 3.3-mile existing Western Waterfront Trail making it ADA accessible from the Irving Park neighborhood to Riverside. A Conservation Partners Legacy grant will fund removal of exotic buckthorn and restoration of native trees in the 90-acre Western Waterfront Trail corridor. In addition, a generous donation of \$50,000 from Canadian Northern to Community Action Duluth's Stream Corps will fund tree plantings along the Western Waterfront Trail and the addition of a new trail. The City will provide \$375,000 of matching funds from the one-half percent tourism tax renewed in 2014 to support recreation and tourism projects in the St. Louis River Corridor.

“These grants help us restore this community treasure to its full natural glory. We are grateful to the State of Minnesota and to Canadian Northern for support that will enable us to preserve and enhance the accessibility of this beautiful area for all users,” says Jim Filby Williams.

Projects could start as early as this summer pending approval of grant agreements. The city will hold a public meeting prior to the beginning of restoration to inform citizens about the planned work.

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